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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Present Application:**

Applicant : Nathan R. Brown Attorney Docket No. : 500200.06  
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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF  
MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES WITH A CARRIER AND MEMBRANE

**Prior Application:**

Examiner : Alvin J. Grant  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.